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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

1. ☐ Applicant submits herewith a copy of (a) attached form PTO-1449, which lists all patents, publications, applications, or other information submitted for consideration by the Office; (b) a legible copy of each document required by 37 C.F.R. §1.98(b)(2).
2. ☒ Applicant herein apprises the Patent Office of prior art in a parent U.S. application from which this application obtains the benefit of an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120. The Serial Number of the parent application is U.S. Application Serial No. 10/024,099 filed on December 17, 2001 and entitled PRESSURIZATION SYSTEM FOR FIRE EXTINGUISHERS. The publications cited therein are listed on attached Form PTO-1449. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d) copies of the listed publications are not required. ☐ Additional parent patent applications are listed on an attached sheet.
3. ☐ In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3), Applicant hereby certifies that for each reference not in English (check at least one box below):

☐ A copy of a translation of on or more non-English document, or portion thereof, is provided herewith;

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☐ provided in the accompanying foreign or international search report; ☐ incorporated into the specification; and/or ☐ provided herewith.

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8. ☐ In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1), Applicant's attorney certifies that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. ☐ The foreign or international search report(s) is/are enclosed.

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10. ☒ In the event the Commissioner of Patents deems that any additional fee is required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 in connection with this application, Applicant's attorneys authorize that such fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 23-1665.

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Consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
EXAMINER INITIALS	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPR.
	2,530,633	11/1950	Scholz	169	26	
	3,228,474	01/1966	C. K. Huthsing, Jr.	169	31	
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	5,219,178	06/1993	Kobari et al.	280	736	
	5,224,550	07/1993	Bragg	169	62	
	5,564,743	10/1996	Marchant	280	741	
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	5,709,406	01/1998	Buchanan	280	737	
	5,718,294	02/1998	Billiard et al.	169	61	
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	5,934,705	08/1999	Siddiqui et al.	280	736	
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	6,062,143	05/2000	Grace et al.	102	530	
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
EXAMINER INITIALS	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	TRANSLATION	
					YES	NO
	WO 00/57959	5 October 2000	PCT	A1	N/A	
	WO 01/34516	17 May 2001	PCT	C01B	N/A	
OTHER DOCUMENTS (INCLUDING AUTHOR, TITLE, DATE, PERTINENT PAGES, ETC.)						
	U.S. Military Specification MIL-E52031D(ME)(5 September 1979)					
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